

MAYORS OF MAINLAND CITIES WRITE ON COMMISSION PLAN

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The success or failure of any governmental form, nevertheless, it is likewise true that the form has its share in this regard and from what we have experienced here since its adoption I have no hesitancy in declaring in its favor.

Now to answer your specific inquiries:

Commission government has been in operation here since July 1, 1913.

The initiative, referendum and the recall are incorporated into our charter; they are also constitutional amendments or state laws, having been voted into existence by the people themselves.

Referendums have been filed occasionally and initiative measures also, but these need occasion no special annoyance, inconvenience or expense as all ordinances or laws, whether state or city, are presented or at least may be presented at regular elections.

The recall, which by many is regarded as perhaps the most advanced step of all in the so-called Oregon governmental system, has been used once in the case of a member of the city council, but under a former charter; he was recalled. At the present time a recall agitation has resulted at this writing in the filing of recall petitions against Commissioners Dieck, Brewster and myself. (Note: At the election on October 27, the recall movement was overwhelmingly defeated.)

Q. With regard to the recall law, perhaps a brief explanation of the situation may be of some value to you. The law, according to the city attorney and other competent lawyers, is said to be inadequate or unfinished; that is, the people voted the recall into being but the law was not complete within itself and apparently needs further legislation to make it whole.

There is no safeguard against its use for vicious, mischievous or petty purposes, as for example, no limit is set as to the time in which petitions may be filed. Recall petitions were obtained against Sheriff Ward more than a year ago; they have never been filed. But could be, under this law, any time. Another batch of petitions were obtained against Commissioners Dieck and Brewster and myself many months ago, but were never filed. Infinitely a danger.

Another feature regarded as unfair is that, under a court decision, any "legal" voter is, in our state, a man or woman who, whether registered or not, is eligible to vote if registered; in other words, one need not be registered at the time of signing such petition, thus making it possible for the signing of a petition for the recall of any official at any time, and making it practically impossible to check the lists to select possible illegal signatures.

In the present recall it is generally admitted that it is being engineered by disgruntled politicians, ex-officio holders, etc., who were put out of business by the people under the new charter, and particularly by the women of the city, and by the use for the first time of the preferential voting system. Our three big daily newspapers are fighting the recall and denounce it unreservedly.

As to the question of adopting your charter without the recall feature, I would say that it depends much on local conditions. Personally, I believe in the recall as a safeguard against possible situations that might develop anywhere; it cannot be harmful to the honest official, provided it be so framed as to be fair to all, but I should suggest that your recall law, no matter when incorporated, be given great and careful study to the end that it shall be so constructed as to be only an emergency measure for the protection of the people against possible frauds in office.

Winning Public Favor.

As to the sentiment of the general

public, I feel safe in saying that it is growing in favor as our work goes on. The commission form was, however, adopted by a very narrow margin, some few hundred votes. A strong fight was made against it and it was attacked from every side, and by some who did not disclose from whence came the funds with which to wage the fight; some undoubtedly opposed it for conscientious reasons, but I believe it was fought by the professional politicians, at least in stealth, as they were well satisfied with things as they were.

Public improvements in Portland are not related to the question of charter particularly, so that a comparison in that feature is not important, but the new charter facilitates improvements by cutting some of the red tape and delay formerly required.

City levy for 1913-14, fiscal year ending November 1, was 7.7 mills; for the next ensuing year it has been set at 7.5 mills, but largely, I think, to more economical administration of affairs under commission government.

Commission government in Portland is working very well, as I view it; and it is a plan which brings the people into closer touch with their officials. Of course, much depends upon the construction of a charter, but generally speaking it is a big step in advance. The mere adoption of a new form, however, will not remedy all of the evils that beset a city; once having your governmental form, your most important work will be the selection of honest, competent and fearless officials to administer the same.

Trusting that this statement may be of some value to you, I am, very truly yours,

H. R. ALBEE,
Mayor.

SUNDAY HOODED DAY FOR AUTOS; MANY SMASHUPS

Thirty Persons in Cars Which
Were in Collisions, But Only
Three Suffered Injury

Six automobiles and one motorcycle were partially wrecked in accidents in various parts of the city yesterday. Out of all the danger, however, only three persons were injured, although the lives of more than 30 were endangered.

Most spectacular was the piling up of four automobiles and the consequent blockade of the road for nearly an hour, at Puukahi hill, on the curve above the Moanai polo field, when an automobile became disabled and stalled in the middle of the road.

A few minutes later an auto owned by 2d Lieut. Percy Deshon came along. To avoid a collision the brakes were thrown on with such violence that the auto turned turtle, pinning the occupants under the car. Pvt. Homea of the 56th Company, Coast Artillery, and a sergeant of the same command were slightly injured.

A third auto, driven by M. F. Freitas, came dashing around the curve, nearly piling up on the other two. The brakes held, bringing the car to a stop within 10 feet of the overturned auto. James H. Kawahana, coming along in his car a few seconds later, did not have such good fortune. His car collided with Freitas' machine.

By the time the road was clear 40 machines were lined up waiting to get by. On the Waiwala side of Kipapa gulch another auto came to grief last night. It was driven by J. Kishiwada, and contained five persons. The car skidded and went into a ditch. It was badly smashed. The passengers were uninjured.

Sau Fun ran his auto into a telephone pole along Hotel street, near Maunaloa. He was later arrested for failure to obtain a chauffeur's license.

A motorcycle ridden by S. Basaki and another Japanese named Murakami ran up a bank, struck the stay wire of a telephone pole and threw both riders to the ground. Basaki suffered a scalp wound and a bad cut under the left eye.

ROYAL HAWAIIAN BAND DINNER CONCERT AT PLEASANTON

The management of the Pleasanton hotel will give another delightful dinner dance this evening at which the army and navy set will be well represented.

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JOHNSON LIKELY TO TAKE OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 1

New Adjutant General's Return
on Mongolia May Be Followed
By Shake-up in N. G. H.

Col. Samuel Johnson, the new adjutant general of the National Guard of Hawaii, is a returning passenger in the Mongolia, which is due off port at 5 o'clock this evening. He has been absent from Hawaii since the middle of May, on a business trip to China and the Straits Settlements.

The announcement of Col. Johnson's appointment as head of the territorial military establishment was made May 23 last by Governor Pinkham, when Col. Johnson was en route to the Orient. The offer was tendered and accepted by wireless, the understanding being that the new appointee was to take office September 1. In all probability this plan will be adhered to, as Col. Johnson will leave shortly for Hawaii to wind up his business there and move from Pahaia to Honolulu.

Col. Johnson was placed on the retired list of the guard in 1908, after 15 years of service with the 1st Infantry, N. G. H. He enlisted as a private in 1895, and retired as colonel of the regiment. In 1900 he became captain of Company F, and in 1907, under the old elective system, jumped from captain to lieutenant colonel. He was only in this grade about a month, succeeding to the colonelcy of the regiment April 15, 1907, and retiring June 5, 1908.

It is understood that Governor Pinkham contemplates a general shake-up and enlargement of the National Guard of Hawaii, and that Col. Johnson's term of office will be a busy one from the start.

NEW PRINCIPALS FOR KAMEHAMEHA TO ARRIVE SOON

C. R. Bostwick and Miss Abbie Newton, who were selected in the East recently as the new principals for the Kamehameha manual and the Kamehameha girls' schools, respectively, are expected to arrive in Honolulu in the steamer Matsushima August 17.

The new principals were selected by President E. C. Webster, and they will come to Honolulu well qualified to carry out their duties as heads of the big schools. Miss Newton will fill the vacancy created by the death about a year ago of Miss Ida M. Pope.

Another eastern teacher who will arrive in Honolulu the latter part of this month is Miss Dorothy Knox, who will be instructor in dressmaking at the Kamehameha girls' school.

President Webster announced today that the remodeling of Bishop hall is progressing, and the building will be ready for occupancy when school opens on September 13. Nearly all the students who attended the two schools last year and who were not graduated, will return this year. "There are still a number of vacant rooms and students desiring admission should apply at once," said Mr. Webster.

Y. M. C. A. HAS NOW \$1175 IN FUND FOR NEW POOL

A critical stage has been reached in the Y. M. C. A. swimming pool campaign. With only \$1175 secured to date, and \$3000 necessary, General Secretary Paul Super of the association this afternoon issued a call to team members to meet at 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Cooke hall for the purpose of bringing all reports down to the minute and determining the exact status of the campaign.

At noon today the swimming pool committee met with Chairman George C. Potter, A. H. Tarleton, G. H. Tuttle, Dr. A. F. Jackson and H. G. Dillingham present. General Secretary Super presented a report showing the total amount realized to date to be \$1175 from 270 subscribers.

There are 353 members who have not yet been seen and the committee is relying on them to contribute subscriptions enough to boost the total to the \$3000 mark needed before the pool can be completed.

**MRS. EMERSON STAYS
AT COAST TO RALLY
FROM SLIGHT ILLNESS**

Mrs. Nathaniel B. Emerson, widow of the late Honolulu police surgeon who died a few weeks ago while on his way to San Francisco from Alaska by steamer, will remain in San Francisco until she has recovered from a slight illness which she has been suffering since the death of her husband, according to information given out at the Emerson home today.

Accompanied by her son, A. W. Emerson, Mrs. Emerson left for the coast immediately upon receipt of the news of her husband's death. When she returns to Honolulu she will bring with her the ashes of her late husband. The funeral will be a quiet one, and interment probably will be in the Nuuanu cemetery.

MANY DONATIONS OF SMALL SIZE MOST DESIRED

Gift of Japanese of Fountain for
Honolulu Will Then Mean
More to the City

"It is my wish to get every Japanese man, woman and child living in Hawaii to take an interest in the big fountain which we are to present to Honolulu next November," says Consul H. Arita, who is in charge of the committee that have been named to secure subscriptions to the funds necessary for purchase of the gift.

It was with this idea in mind that the Japanese consul appointed a large number of prominent men of the island to handle the subscription work. He desires many small donations rather than a few large ones, as he feels that the gift will thus mean much more to the givers and to the city as well.

As the complete plans have not yet been made Consul Arita does not know what the exact size of the fountain will be, but its general dimensions are to be modeled after the fashion of the huge crane which stands in the park at Hibiya, Japan. The bird itself will be about 40 feet high, and will stand upon a foundation of the same height. The basin formed below the bird will be from 25 to 30 feet in diameter.

Subscriptions taken now are payable up to November 10, the date set for the placing of the fountain.

EXTEND TIME OF FILING ANSWER IN BROWN CASE

Test Suit Over Road "Repairs"
to Go to Trial August 16—
Answer Due August 14

Unless a further stipulation is made the city and county of Honolulu, Mayor Lane, the supervisors and other respondents in the injunction suit brought by Raymond C. Brown, who is acting for citizens and taxpayers of Manoa, will file their answer to the complaint on or before August 14.

An agreement to this effect, reached between the attorneys for the plaintiff and respondents, was filed in circuit court today. August 16 recently was named by Circuit Judge Stuart as the day on which the matter will go to trial.

As previously reported in the Star-Bulletin, it is the idea of the board of supervisors and the other respondents to make the matter a test case to determine what constitutes "repairs" and "maintenance" in road work. The temporary injunction granted by Judge Stuart the day on which the original bill was filed, has caused a suspension of certain road work in Honolulu.

LESS THAN HALF PASS TESTS FOR NEW TEACHERS

Of the 134 persons who took examinations at the Normal school last week for teachers' certificates, about 56 will receive permission to teach, and 78 failed.

This is according to Henry W. Kinney, superintendent of public instruction, who said today that the work of looking over and grading the examination papers is about completed.

About 20 of those who passed will be given primary certificates, while about 16 will receive first permits to teach. Twelve will receive second permits, it is estimated. There were eight persons who took and passed a part of the grammar grade certificate examination.

"The summer school examinations are open to almost anyone with an ordinary education," Mr. Kinney said. "But they are made sufficiently strict to prevent the summer school being used as a short cut to the teaching profession."

The examination papers show that a large number of those persons who took the examinations and failed found the greatest difficulty in the hygiene test. Others failed in spelling. The majority of the higher marks were in evidence on the papers from the drawing examination.

MR. AND MRS. H. W. TAFT SHORTEN VISIT, SAILING FOR MAINLAND TOMORROW

Henry W. Taft, brother of the ex-president, and Mrs. Taft will sail for the mainland tomorrow. They expected to stay a month or more but their visit has been shortened owing to pressure of business. An unconfirmed report says that Mr. Taft, who has large Mexican interests, is anxious to be in the states owing to the Mexican situation.

Today they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Galt on an auto tour of the island and tonight they will be Dr. Scudder's guests at a quiet dinner. During their short stay here they have made many friends.

FINE CAREER OF JUDGE J. HARDY ENDED BY DEATH

Was for Nearly Half a Century
on Kauai Bench—Enjoyed
Pension for Two Years

Judge Jacob Hardy, one of Hawaii's best-known and most respected jurists, died at his home in Lihue, Kauai, yesterday morning. He was 88 years of age and, when he retired from active service two years ago, he closed nearly a half-century of work as a circuit court judge.

On account of his old age and his many years of faithful service on the bench, the 1913 legislature granted Judge Hardy a pension of \$1500 a year. The bill was signed by former Governor Frear a few moments after it reached him.

Judge Hardy was appointed to the circuit court at Lihue, Kauai, by King Kalakaua. From that day until the day of his retirement, he held his position and with it the love, respect and friendship of people in every part of the territory.

"Judge Hardy had an unusually long and honorable career on the Kauai bench," said Chief Justice A. G. M. Robinson, today. "He always gave the utmost satisfaction to members of the bar who were practicing in his court and to their clients. He was very well known throughout the islands and was highly respected for his unvarying uprightness and integrity, as well as for his legal ability."

According to Judge Sanford B. Dole, Judge Hardy came to Hawaii as a young man. His residence in Honolulu was brief and during his stay here he was employed as a clerk or bookkeeper. He married a daughter of Judge Andrews of the old missionary family, who was granddaughter of Lorin Andrews and L. A. Thurston. Judge Hardy's wife was Mr. Thurston's aunt.

Shortly after his marriage he moved to Kauai and was appointed Circuit Judge, succeeding Judge Bond.

STILL NO WORD AT COAST FROM TRAINING SHIP

San Francisco Japanese newspapers received in the Sonoma mail by the Nippon Jiji report nothing heard from the Tokio Mercantile Marine School training ship Taisei Maru since July 21, according to K. Kawamura, city editor of the Nippon Jiji.

Mr. Kawamura thinks the ship may have headed for Japan. The vessel wirelessed in to San Francisco on July 21 that she would be in that port the following day. Since then nothing has been heard of the ship. Japanese newspapers received from San Francisco on the Manchuria mail Friday night reported that, on the day the papers were published, July 30, the Japanese consul at San Francisco was attempting to get into wireless communication with the Taisei Maru, but as nothing is said about the success of his attempts, it is believed that they were a failure.

BUMPER WHEAT CROP PROSPECT FOR THE STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—The United States is to have a bumper wheat crop this year according to figures made public today at the department of agriculture. The estimate is for 956,000,000 bushels, condition 93.4.

BUDDHISTS TO OFFER TO AID WILSON TO BRING WAR TO END

(Special cable to Nippon Jiji.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 9.—Resolutions calling for an end of the great world war were passed today at the international Buddhist congress in session here. High Priest Hiko of the Sodo-shu sect of Japan, and Bishop Uchida of the Hongwanji mission at San Francisco, were chosen as representatives from the congress to wait upon President Wilson and discuss terms of peace. The two will leave at once for Washington.

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WINTER INSISTS OPIUM CHARGE IS RESULT OF SPITE

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of time. I want to see it thrashed out."

N. P. Williams, also a quartermaster in the Siberia, will arrive in Honolulu within a short time, and it is understood that the government will use him as a witness against Winter.

"Yes, I know Williams," said Winter, when asked why Williams had volunteered information against him. "He and I always were the best of friends. We never had any trouble that I can recall. We both worked in the same ship. I helped him out on more than one occasion. In San Francisco he testified that he and I were good friends."

Winter denied that he ever served a term in prison for opium smuggling. He said that the federal official in San Francisco nearly "got him" once, however. He added that on more than one occasion this official attempted to induce him to "peach."

"I am pretty well acquainted with steamship men from Hongkong to San Francisco," he went on, "and I guess that official thought I could give him some information. But I didn't, and I never will, either."

Winter laughed at a story published the other morning to the effect that he had brought 12 skins of opium into Honolulu in a close-fitting jacket which he wore about his waist. It would be impossible for a man to conceal 12 skins of opium on his person and "get away with it" in front of the customs officials, he laughed.

"The whole thing looks like a frame-up somewhere," he went on. "That federal official told me in the presence of witnesses that he would go into his own pocket to the extent of \$5000 to 'get me' in this opium matter."

Williams by this time probably has

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received a subpoena to come to Honolulu as a witness in the Winter case. He is expected here at an early date. J. Wesley Thompson, assistant district attorney, who has been investigating the matter locally since the case was first called to his attention, said today that he may have several local witnesses to call at the commissioner's hearing of the case.

Information received in Honolulu from San Francisco regarding the case alleges that during the latter part of June when the Siberia was in Honolulu on its way to the coast, Winter carried ashore 12 "skins" of opium. It was reported that Winter was acting for certain Chinese in the Orient and that he secured the drug at Nagasaki, Japan.

U. S. Commissioner George S. Curry today fixed Winter's bond at \$500.

Warden Osborne declares he does not intend to resign his position as warden of Sing Sing prison because of his difference with Superintendent of Prisons Riley.

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